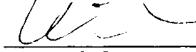


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002 (Paper No. 9), Applicant hereby elects the Group II Claims (Claims 6-12) without traverse.

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